



AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A slide type portable terminal, comprising:

a main unit that includes separated first and second key sections exposed in a surface of the main unit, wherein the first key section performs a first functionality and the second key section performs a second functionality different than the first functionality; and

a display unit that includes a display screen exposed to a front surface of the display unit, wherein the display unit is configured to slide relative to the surface of the main unit to cause the first and second key sections of the main unit to be selectively exposed,

wherein the display unit can be selectively slid to a first position where both the first and second key sections of the main unit are exposed, a second position where only one of the first and second key sections is exposed, and a third position where both the first and second key sections are not exposed, and further comprising a third separate input section being function buttons on an upper surface of the display unit and a stopper mechanism to stop and maintain the display unit at exactly the second position.

2. (Currently Amended) The slide type portable terminal of claim 1, ~~comprising a~~ wherein the stopper mechanism is configured to allow the display unit to be stopped at the second position where said only one of the key sections is exposed.

3. (Currently Amended) The slide type portable terminal of claim ~~[[2]]~~ 1, wherein the stopper mechanism includes a stopper groove affixed to one of the display unit and the main unit, and a stopper spring coupled to the other one of the units to correspond to the stopper groove, wherein the stopper spring is selectively seated in the stopper groove.

4. (Currently Amended) The slide type portable terminal of claim 1, wherein first and second magnets are correspondingly arranged on the main unit and the display unit, respectively, so that the same poles of the magnets face each other to provide a repulsive force when ~~they~~ the magnets are positioned to face close to each other.

5. (Original) The slide type portable terminal of claim 4, wherein corresponding sliding structures configured to perform sliding operations of the main unit and the display unit are provided on opposite lateral ends of the main unit and the display unit.

6. (Currently Amended) The slide type portable terminal of claim 1, wherein the ~~separated first and second key sections are~~ key section is a number key section and the second key section is a function key section that includes a microphone ~~respectively~~.

7. (Canceled)

8. (Currently Amended) A portable terminal, comprising:
- a main unit that includes first and second key sections spaced apart from each other separately accessible to a surface of the main unit; and
 - a display unit that includes a display screen, wherein the display unit is configured to selectively move relative to the surface of the main unit between a first position where both the first and second key sections of the main unit are not accessible, a second position where only one of the first and second key sections is accessible, and a third position where both the first and second key sections are accessible, wherein the first key section is operated to perform a first function of inputting numbers and the second key section is operated to perform a second function ~~different than the first function~~ of different multimedia functions.
9. (Original) The portable terminal of claim 8, wherein the display unit is configured to slide relative to the surface of the main unit.
10. (Currently Amended) A slide type portable terminal, comprising:
- a main unit including separated first and second key sections and a first plate on a surface of the main unit, wherein the first key section is operated to perform a first function and the second key section is operated to perform a second function different than the first function;

a display unit that includes a display screen on a front surface of the display unit and a second plate slidably coupled to the first plate so that the first and second key sections of the main unit are selectively covered and exposed; ~~and~~

first and second magnets on the first and second plates, respectively, so that the same poles of the magnets face each other to provide a repulsive force when they are positioned to face close to each other; and

a stopper mechanism to temporarily stop the display unit at a position where only one of the first and second key sections is exposed.

11. (Original) The slide type portable terminal of claim 10, wherein the display unit can be selectively slid to a first position where both the first and second key sections of the main unit are exposed, a second position where only one of the key sections is exposed, and a third position where both the first and second key sections are covered.

12. (Original) The slide type portable terminal of claim 11, wherein the first and second magnets cross over each other during movement between the first and second positions.

13. (Currently Amended) The slide type portable terminal of claim 12, wherein ~~a~~the stopper mechanism includes a stopper groove that is on one of the first and second plates, and a plurality of stopper springs on the other one of the plates, wherein one of the plurality of

stopper springs is removably seated in the stopper groove in each of the first, second and third positions.

14. (Original) The slide type portable terminal of claim 11, wherein the first and second magnets cross over each other during movement between the second and third positions.

15. (Currently Amended) The slide type portable terminal of claim 10, further comprising a touch screen input device removably attached to the portable terminal, wherein the display screen ~~is~~ comprises a touch screen.

16. (Canceled)

17. (Currently Amended) The slide type portable terminal of claim ~~[[16]]~~ 10, wherein the stopper mechanism includes a stopper groove that is on one of the first and second plates, and a stopper spring on the other one of the plates to correspond to the stopper groove, wherein the stopper spring is removably seated in the stopper groove.

18. (Currently Amended) The slide type portable terminal of claim 10, further comprising a third separate key section being function keys on an upper surface of the display

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unit, wherein the separated first and second key sections are a number key section and a multi-media key section that includes a microphone, respectively.

19. (Currently Amended) A method, comprising:

sliding a display unit of a portable terminal to a first position where both first and second separated key sections of a main unit of the portable terminal are exposed in an upper surface of the main unit;

sliding the display unit to a second position where only one of the first and second key sections is exposed;

sliding the display unit to a third position where both the first and second key sections are covered; and

providing a resistive locking member between the display unit and the main unit, wherein the resistive locking member has an engaging member and an engagement member that retractably engage at least when the display unit is in the second position.

20. (Original) The method of claim 19, wherein magnetic force assists movement between the first and second positions and between the second and third positions.

21. (Canceled)

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22. (Currently Amended) A system including a slide type portable terminal with a first unit having spaced apart first and second ~~pluralities~~ plurality of keys exposed in a surface of the first unit and slidably coupled to a second unit, the second unit including a third plurality of keys, the system comprising:

a stopping mechanism coupled to the first and second units and configured to stop the first and second units in a first position where both the first and second ~~key sections~~ plurality of keys of the first unit are exposed, to stop one of the first unit or the second unit in a second position where the third plurality of keys and only one of the key sections is first and second plurality of keys are exposed, and to allow the first unit and the second unit to be in a third position relative to each other where both the first and second key sections plurality of keys are not exposed.

23. (New) The system of claim 22, wherein the first plurality of keys includes number keys and the second plurality of keys includes multimedia function keys.

24. (New) The slide type portable terminal of claim 10, wherein the first key section includes keys to input numbers.

25. (New) The slide type portable terminal of claim 10, wherein the second key section includes keys to perform different multimedia functions.

26. (New) The slide type portable terminal of claim 10, wherein the display unit includes a third key section being function keys on an upper surface of the display unit.

27. (New) The method of claim 19, wherein the first key section is a number key section and the second key section is a function key section that includes a microphone.

28. (New) The method of claim 19, wherein the display unit includes a third separated key section.

29. (New) The portable terminal of claim 8, further comprising a microphone provided within the second key section.

30. (New) The portable terminal of claim 8, further comprising a stopper mechanism to stop or maintain the display unit at the second position.

31. (New) The portable terminal of claim 8, further comprising a third key section including function keys on the display unit.